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1. IN MAY 1974, THEN FIELD LIAISON OFFICER JACK DURHAM REQUESTED FIELD REPRESENTATIVE AT USEC/J TO PROVIDE WIDER AND EXPANDED SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF EWC ACTIVITIES. DURHAM'S REQUEST LISTED 13 ITEMS OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY JAPAN FIELD OFFICE. UNDERSTAND SAME REQUEST WAS SENT TO FIELD OFFICES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. USEC/J SENT ITS COMMENTS BACK TO DURHAM IN JUNE 1974 FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFIC MATTERS RELATING TO USEC/J SUPPORT.

2. USEC/J DID NOT RECEIVE RESPONSE UNTIL VISIT OF ARNOLD LIEBERMAN, EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, JANUARY 1975. LIEBERMAN BROUGHT NEW PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SPELLING OUT NEW INCREASED FIELD OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. COMMISSION DECIDED AT MEETING FEBRUARY 27 AGREEMENT SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE USEC/J PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES. AGREEMENT NOT YET SIGNED BETWEEN USEC/J AND EWC PENDING FURTHER REVISIONS MADE IN THE AGREEMENT BY EWC.

3. SINCE 1970 USEC/J HAS ASSIGNED EQUIVALENT OF ONE AND ONE HALF STAFF MEMBERS TO WORK ON GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM. USEC/J ACTUALLY HAS FOUR PERSONS WORKING PART-TIME ON EWC PROGRAM, PLUS THREE ON FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS, SIX ON COUNSELING SERVICES.

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TWO OUT OF FOUR STAFF WORKING ON REGULAR PROGRAM HAVE

BEEN WORKING FOR EWC SIMULTANEOUSLY. WITH EXPANSION AND ENLARGEMENT OF EWC PROGRAMS AND WITH REQUESTED INVOLVEMENT OF USEC/J SECRETARIAT IN SEVEN TYPES OF AWARD PROGRAMS, USEC/J WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND ASSIGN MORE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE MORE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF EWC PROGRAM, REQUIRING MORE OFFICE SPACE FOR DISPLAY OF EWC MATERIALS AND BULLETINS, MORE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITATIVE STAFF SERVICES, ALL OF WHICH OVER AND ABOVE CURRENT CAPACITY.

4. USEC/J SUBMITTED BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY1976 IN RESPONSE TO LIEBERMAN'S LETTER OF MAY 8, 1975, REQUESTING \$28,276 IN FOREIGN CURRENCY. NOW APPARENT THAT THIS AMOUNT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITATIVE COSTS IF USEC/J WERE TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED SERVICES. TWO FULL-TIME PERSONS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY WITH EWC PROGRAM OPERATION IN ADDITION TO SECRETARIAT STAFF PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES CONTINUALLY PROVIDED IN OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITATIVE FUNCTIONS SUCH AS COUNSELLING, FUND CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING. USEC/J NOW ASSIGNS STAFF TO EWC SUPPORT AT INCREASING SACRIFICE TO REGULAR USEC/J PROGRAM OPERATION THUS CREATING MORE PRESSURES FOR REMAINING STAFF MEMBERS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND CAROLING YANG WHILE IN HAWAII MET WITH BROWNELL, LIEBERMAN AND BICKLEY OF CLI ON SPECIFIC MATTERS SUCH AS PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, BUDGET REQUEST IN PARA FOUR AND EWC'S VARIOUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN PARA ONE AND TWO. SHE MAY HAVE LATER CLARIFICATION OF ABOVE.  
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